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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
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SUBJECT: **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE HIV/AIDS INTEGRATED  
CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS OF NATIONAL  
SIGNIFICANCE – YOUNG MEN HAVING SEX WITH MEN (MSM)  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WITH WATTS HEALTH FOUNDATION**

On September 11, 2007, the Board approved a proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Public Health's (DPH) HIV Epidemiology Program to provide integrated case management services for the Special Projects of National Significance – Young MSM Demonstration Project: HIV/AIDS. This is to inform you that the Watts Health Foundation (WHF) has decided not to sign the MOA.

As part of the agreement, WHF would have allowed placement of HIV Epidemiology staff at its clinic to deliver HIV/AIDS integrated case management services for young men. WHF decided not to sign the MOA because it is unable to provide space to house HIV Epidemiology Program staff at this time.

One of the key goals of this MOA was to recruit additional participants for the Young MSM Demonstration Project. To compensate for this change, the HIV Epidemiology Program is amending its study protocol to recruit additional participants via referrals from current participating sites.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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